International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction 2026 (13 October)

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13 October is the International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction. The 2026 theme (UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction – UNDRR) is 'Resilience Starts at Home', stressing safe, disaster-resilient housing. Events run from 5 to 15 Oct in Geneva and elsewhere.

Key facts

Date	13 Oct – International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction
2026 theme	Resilience Starts at Home
Origin	1989 – at the UN General Assembly's call; fixed on 13 Oct from 2009
UNDRR	UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction – Geneva
India	NDMA – 22nd Formation Day, 28 Sept 2026; theme 'Risk Reduction in Action'

Background

- Sendai Framework 2015–2030: adopted on 18 Mar 2015 at the 3rd UN World Conference in Sendai, Japan; 4 priorities and 7 global targets. It replaced the 'Hyogo Framework for Action' (2005–2015).
- India: the Disaster Management Act 2005 – NDMA (chaired by the PM), State authorities (chaired by CMs) and the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF). The Coalition for Disaster Resilient

Infrastructure (CDRI) was launched by PM Modi on 23 Sept 2019 at the UN Climate Action Summit, New York; secretariat in New Delhi.

- National Institute of Disaster Management (NIDM) – New Delhi; the 'Subhash Chandra Bose Aapda Prabandhan Puraskar' is the national disaster-management award (23 Jan).

Tamil Nadu link: the 26 Dec 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami devastated Tamil Nadu, especially Nagapattinam, and led to the Disaster Management Act 2005. Cyclones Gaja (2018) and Michaung (2023) followed. The CM chairs the Tamil Nadu State Disaster Management Authority.

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